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Press Release

March 1 Hogs and Pigs Report

Iowa: On March 1, there were 16.2 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The March 1 inventory was up 700,000 from a year ago.

The December 2004-February 2005 pig crop was 3.96 million head. A total of 445,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 8.9 pigs per litter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 450,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2005 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2005 period were estimated at 440,000 as of March 1, 2005.

United States: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2005 was 59.9 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.94 million head, was down slightly from both March 1, 2004 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2004 - February 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 25.5 million head, was up 2 percent from 2004 and up 4 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, up 1 percent from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.94 for the December 2004 -February 2005 period, compared to 8.85 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
 By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2004-2005 ¹**

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IL	410	430	105	3,440	3,570	104	3,850	4,000	104
IA	1,040	1,080	104	14,460	15,120	105	15,500	16,200	105
MN	600	590	98	5,900	5,710	97	6,500	6,300	97
MO	330	330	100	2,570	2,520	98	2,900	2,850	98
NE	360	355	99	2,490	2,395	96	2,850	2,750	96
NC	1,020	1,010	99	8,880	8,690	98	9,900	9,700	98
US	5,961	5,941	100	53,558	53,957	101	59,520	59,899	101

¹ May not add due to rounding.

**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
 Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2004-2005 ¹**

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. And over	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
IL	1,260	1,360	820	830	750	770	610	610
IA	4,510	4,430	4,000	4,230	3,250	3,490	2,700	2,970
MN	2,250	2,230	1,410	1,370	1,280	1,270	960	840
MO	1,270	1,190	510	520	470	480	320	330
NE	980	970	640	600	470	470	400	355
NC	3,500	3,410	2,180	2,030	1,800	1,850	1,400	1,400
US	19,823	19,817	12,954	13,087	11,205	11,430	9,578	9,624

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.